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ON THE TARIFF QUESTION.

As the terms of tariff bill will be finally determined in the conference committee, it matters little what was done by the House or what may be done by the Senate, except as their differing votes may be made the bases of compromises by the conferees. Still an analysis of the Senate bill is interesting. According to Senator Culberson, 1,271 of the 1,942 duties in the Dingley tariff are retained; 316 are made higher and 355 are decreased. Senator Aldrich, author of the bill, asserts that the number of decreases is 375. Really, the number is immaterial, for the decreases are so small and the articles so unimportant that it seems probable they were only put into the bill to draw attention from the important favors to the big trusts.

Among the more important increases are those upon corn, oats, rye and wheat, the placing of sine upon the distillate list, and as compared with the Dingley bill, on iron ore, pig iron and scrap iron and steel. The House vote almost unanimously for free crude and refined petroleum and its products; the Senate evinces signs of a disposition to impose a duty of 50 cents per barrel on these articles.

Eight steel rails have just been advanced in price by the manufacturers from \$21.50 to \$27 a ton. The alleged reason is an increased demand; the real reason is probably a confident expectation that the Senate tariff bill will pass very kindly with the articles which have for some years been exported and sold in other countries at low prices than are exacted here. They are principally used upon trolley roads, and the increased price may place a check upon trolley extension.

The government collects about \$300,000 a year in tariff duties three-fourths of which are levied upon 12 articles or classes of articles. It is the habit of protectionists to assert that this great sum is paid by the foreign producers; as a matter of fact, it adds all of that amount, or more, to the cost of the home products to the consumers, for no home producer will sell his goods at less than the foreign product can be sold down here. This is the subsidy which produces so many millionaires.

A new corporation, with the title of the U. S. Wrecked Co., has been organized under the laws of Maine, but with headquarters in New York city. Its present capital is \$5,000,000, and it has already absorbed five mills and is presumably looking for more, with the probable intention of obtaining control of the trade. Doubtless, this new organization's next move will be to demand that tariff protection which facilitates the organization and success of monopolies. The people "pay the bill."

The Persian Shah who ascended the throne in January, 1907, found his country under a constitution, and on Nov. 23, 1908, he repealed it. Since then, the people have agitated for a renewal of the constitution, and their move took on a revolutionary aspect which resulted promptly in, at the suggestion of Great Britain, an invasion by Russian troops. Now, the Sultan, probably aware of the clinging character of Russian occupation of foreign territory and desirous of furnishing a basis for a demand for withdrawal of the Russian troops, has restored the constitution. Nevertheless, the partition of Persia is apparently a matter of perhaps the not very distant future.

Rev. Alexander Irvine of New York city, spoke very kindly of John D. Rockefeller in a sermon, Sunday night, finding much to admire in Mr. Rockefeller's "Random Reminiscences of Men and Events." But Mr. Irvine seemed to think that the Standard Oil magnate may have "omitted many things—which can be found in Ida M. Tarbell's books—but it makes interesting reading." The Reminiscences are really most remarkable for their omissions. They eulogized his subordinates and coadjutors, but failed to explain the charges brought by Miss Tarbell, which were principally based upon court records. Avoidance of unpleasant topics is really the most notable feature of the Reminiscences.

Thomas Kehoe, a checker on the Brooklyn docks of the Sugar Trust, is under arrest upon a charge of fraudulent manipulation of the scales on which the importations of the Trust are weighed. It is charged that he used a fraudulent spring upon the scales.

It can hardly be assumed that Kehoe did this on his own motion, for the alleged fraud upon the government could not have directly benefited him, but it may perhaps be assumed that he did so in obedience to orders or suggestions from some one higher up. Otherwise, we must find that the Trust has employees of superior loyalty, men

willing to operate devices which, if detected, would assuredly invite criminal proceedings against them and quite probably result in their imprisonment. Kehoe should not be made a scapegoat for those "higher up."

According to the Hartford correspondent of a Springfield paper, Gov. Weeks named Gardner Greene of Norwich to the Superior Court bench because of a remembrance of his active part in the preparation of the last revision of the Connecticut statutes. But the correspondent adds:

That compilation as first produced made an unfortunate impression, from which none concerned can wholly escape until it is known definitely on what portions the several members were actively engaged, but it was thought at the time its errors began to be discovered that Mr. Greene was one of those who had been most careless. Rightly or wrongly, this impression has and has something to do with criticism of the appointment. The first copies were called in and a new edition was prepared. One of the other grounds of complaint was that laws had been changed without sufficient notice to the legislators, who hastily accepted the report and authorized the book as a compilation of the statutes.

According to Senator Dolliver of Iowa, the Senate tariff bill is tricky and reactionary. As an ex-member of the House committee on Ways and Means, he is well qualified to speak on tariff matters. He has been an insider, and when he charges that certain schedules were constructed by their beneficiaries, he undoubtedly knows whereof he speaks. It is now said that he proposes to revive a tariff-commission bill prepared by Senator Aldrich and the late Senator Allison twenty-one years ago. When it appears that the construction of tariff bills is to be turned over to tariff beneficiaries, it is high time that the matter of determining duties be delegated, in so far as the law allows, to a tariff commission of disinterested experts—men who are not, as so many members of Congress are, merely the representatives of special interests, who will not base their action exclusively upon information from tariff beneficiaries and who will give at least some slight consideration to the interests of consumers.

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Graduation of a Trained Nurse—Grange

Addresses—Convicted of Stealing—

Prof. Bowers—Moving Telegraph Lines—Local Freight.

To-day in New York city Miss Theodore Fairchild, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank S. Child, will graduate from the Roosevelt hospital as a trained nurse. Miss Fairchild and Master Roger Sherman Child went down to the metropolis to see their sister graduate. Miss Child has been selected as one of a number of the most proficient nurses, to remain at the hospital during the coming summer. This is a great and well-deserved compliment.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldis Ellis, nee Child, have arrived at their home in San Francisco. On their way they paid a visit to New Orleans, and the day the great snow storm was raging in this latitude they found the weather in the Crescent city almost too hot for comfort.

Two of the addresses given a few days ago at the meeting of the local Grange, which attracted attention, were delivered by Rev. J. C. Ayer, chaplain of the House of Representatives, and Rev. Mr. Olmstead, the new pastor of the Greenfield Hill Congregational church. Mr. Olmstead is a fluent and interesting speaker, and his theme was farm life in Massachusetts. Mrs. Alfred Whitaker read a paper on the farmer who is up-to-date, and music was given by Olive and Frances Pease.

John Teeple, an American, said to be Jewish, and a man who goes about the country looking for work, was brought before Justice Wakeman on Thursday noon charged with stealing some \$15 worth of carpenter's tools from Mr. Acker, the assessor, and Mr. R. C. Hitchcock one of the town auditors. The tools were taken some three weeks ago, and were traced to a pawn shop on Water street in Bridgeport. The defendant claimed that he had been drinking and that he did not know what he was about. The owners of the tools put \$40 to redeem them. Teeple, a man of 45 or 50 years, was found guilty and fined \$5 and sent to jail for 10 days.

Charles Child, who has a brick engine erected back of his place of business, on Pequeto avenue, where he will install a steam engine, said to be capable of making ice cream for the town and the boarders at the beach.

The consensus of opinion in Southport is that Prof. Bowers, who has for a number of years been the principal of the school, and has won the confidence of the community and the affection of his pupils, will be dismissed, when he takes charge of the Greenfield Hill school. It is understood that his transference is in the nature of a promotion as he will be considerably larger in his new position than it is at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Northrop have returned to town from a visit to Nyack on the Hudson.

Mrs. Steven Tomlinson is in town for the summer after a winter in Bridgeport.

A party of some 15 men are at work upon the Western Union Telegraph lines used by the railroad for conducting its business. These lines have recently been purchased by the railroad, which now makes it independent of the Western Union control. The wires are being removed from the north side of the railroad to the south side. This is being done all along the line.

Will Donovan, who was recently in the employ of the Seaside Club, is now engaged for the summer by Mrs. Elmer Disbrow, of Southport, to assist her in running her boarding house.

Mrs. Cole, who was the widow Elmer Disbrow, is substituting.

Several yachts in Southport harbor give it a festive appearance.

A good number of townspeople went to Greenfield Hill last night to listen to the minstrel performance of the Duke's Maids of that lively section of

the town. All were pleased with the performance.

GENERAL STRIKE THROUGH FRANCE

COMING SOON

(Special from United Press.)

Paris, May 6.—The headquarters of the General Labor Confederation officially stated to-day that a general strike throughout the whole of France is a question of only a few days if the government continues its suspension of government employees for their participation in the general movement toward unionism. The declaration of the strike will depend largely upon the answer that Premier Clemenceau makes to the delegation from the labor confederation that will demand of him the restoration of the suspended employees, a guarantee against future suspensions and the retirement of M. Simyan, under secretary of posts.

Clemenceau has intimated that he will fight the demand if he does the labor leaders say the strike will be declared within a week. The conference between labor men and Clemenceau is scheduled to take place to-day but owing to the latter's illness of influenza it may be postponed. The laborists say that they can call out the start all the postal employees, telephone and railroad employees in the country and shortly extend the strike until a complete tie-up results. That the government intends to match its strength against the laboring people is indicated by the preparations it is making for the hardest fight in the history of the post. It has established an automobile and a carrier pigeon postoffice system and is arranging to use all the French ships for the dispatch of wireless messages.

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DIPHTHERIA AT TAFT SCHOOL VERY MILD

(Special from United Press.)

Watertown, Conn., May 6.—While the cases of diphtheria at the Taft School are reported as very mild it was learned to-day that every precaution is being taken to prevent an epidemic. A number of students, who have exhibited signs of illness, are at present undergoing treatment and a physician is in constant attendance at the school. The cases of William Bourne of New Haven and Edward McKee of Indianapolis which are the only ones reported up to the present time, are not of a serious nature according to the physician in attendance, and it was stated to-day that the patients were doing nicely.

Charles P. Taft, the President's youngest son, attends this school.

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We conduct a clean, reputable rubber business at 1130 Main street, but at this part of the year bicycles cut a big swath in our receipts. We sell the Dayton, Iver Johnson, Tribune, Racyle and Pierce, from \$30 to \$50, all perfectly safe, guaranteed to wear well and please the most exacting epicycle connoisseur. To find better value elsewhere is useless, and as hard, as to find a fish that never wags his tail in the water.

We are anxious to say a few words pertaining and appertaining to those far distant mail order houses. Don't allow any cunningly compiled catalogue convince you that you get better value for your money from the goods you never saw, and sold by the man you never saw, than you can get from the goods you own well worth the price on Main street, in the city of Bridgeport. If those fuzzy headed mail order salesmen offer you a guaranteed bicycle for \$25, drop it, but if we were to go to bed without supper we'll beat him, and thank you for the opportunity given us to defend our ability and shape of our competitors to undersell a giggly legged twig of a jobber, no matter from what side of the equator.

Sometimes you buy things from out of town, afterwards find they neither look well nor wear well; such things are about as priceable as the market value of a rusty pile. Trade at home and those mail order "contrivances" would soon become as sad and silent as a tombstone in a grave yard.

Referring to tires a good inflated tire is a most important part of a bicycle, had tires convert your wheel into an enfeebled friend. We can take very good care of your tire for \$1.00. We have a better tire for \$2.50 and from that to \$3.50. You can have everything your own way at O'Neill's.

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Fairfield County News.

Insured by Runaway.

Charles Lewis was delivering feed in Danbury, Tuesday, when while he was absent from his team the horses ran. C. A. White, an aged farmer was on his way home after delivering milk. He was driving a single team. The runaway horses, dragging the heavily loaded feed wagon, overtook the wagon driven by Mr. White and plunged into Mr. White's wagon, the pole striking him in the back and knocking him from the wagon. The physician found Mr. White suffering from a dislocated shoulder and from nervous shock.

A Dozen Convictions.

Though the Darien authorities picked up about forty automobiles for speeding and failing to sound warning signals at cross roads, Sunday, convictions were entered in only about a dozen cases. It is expected that the constables will be right on the job every Sunday, as long as drivers are inclined to hit up a pace through the town and fail to give warning signals.

Discharged From Navy.

Leslie Pant, who has served several years in the United States Navy, has purchased his discharge and returned to the home of his father, John W. Pant, in East Norwalk.

Two Autos Collide.

While Reed G. Haviland, of Norwalk, and W. C. Hurlbutt were riding in Mr. Hurlbutt's car, Monday, they were badly injured at Greenwich. The machine was also practically wrecked as was another automobile running not far behind. Mr. Hurlbutt was tossed into the Byram river and Mr. Haviland was hurled against a stone wall. Mr. Haviland's injuries consist of two broken bones in the right arm, a cut on the forehead, a large section of scalp scraped from one leg and numerous bruises. At exactly the same time the Haviland car hit a wall a 120-horse power automobile, belonging to George Wishart of Byram Shore ran head-on into a work car on the trolley line. Both the owner's son Spencer Wishart, and the driver, Darro Nicely, in East Norwalk, but received no very serious injuries.

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